Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 19 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 20 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 19 Feb 2021 at 03:55 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High

Headline for Friday 19 Feb 2021: Heavy rain, snow and severe gales. Stormy over the Cairngorm Plateau.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 19 Feb 2021

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
High Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Sleet	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	50%

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Weather: Rain and snow developing by dawn, becoming heavy and persistent at times during daylight hours. Snow initially above 600m with blizzard conditions, but it will turn to rain at all levels in the afternoon. Gales or severe gales with buffeting and a severe wind chill.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil to 30%, extensive cloud base 600m or less, perhaps nearer 900m at first over the northern Cairngorms and The Monadhliath.

Visibility: Moderate or poor in rain and very poor at height, whiteout conditions possible at first. Occasionally good low down.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	56/65 S	80/100 S	49/63 S	42/55 S	41/55 S	39/53 S	31/42 S
900	61/73 S	74/88 S	53/68 S	42/55 S	39/52 S	35/46 S	28/38 S
600	43/53 S	51/68 S	39/56 S	31/46 S	27/41 S	23/37 S	19/31 S
300	18/41 S	26/56 S	24/51 S	19/41 S	18/39 S	14/33 S	13/29 S
Glen	3/22 S	8/36 S	10/36 S	8/30 S	9/32 S	6/24 SW	7/24 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-5/-17	-5/-17	-4/-15	-2/-11	-0/-9	-0/-9	-1/-9
900	-1/-12	0/-11	1/-8	2/-6	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4
600	1/-8	2/-8	3/-5	4/-2	6/0	6/0	5/0
300	3/-2	4/-2	5/-1	7/2	7/2	7/3	6/3
Glen	4/3	5/1	6/2	8/5	7/3	7/5	7/3
Freezing Level*	600m	700m	800m	1400m	1500m	1500m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A very poor day in the mountains.

Forecast for Saturday 20 Feb 2021
Weather: Mostly cloudy overnight and during the morning with occasional rain and drizzle. The rain turning heavy and persistent through the afternoon and into the evening. Winds also strengthening with gales or severe gales, buffeting and wind chill.

Maximum wind: South 30 to 40mph gusting 60mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil to 30%, extensive cloud, base around 600 to 900m, best chance through Speyside.

Visibility: Moderate or poor in rain and drizzle and very poor at height. Good or very good at times lower down in the morning.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to 10 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits

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